Scoring and Submission/Resubmission Questions

Scoring:

Q: Will EPP's have access to view student's scores on Tasks?
A: Yes, one person from each EPP should have a code in order to access these scores. This code may be shared with supervisors.

Q: What are the options if districts do not provide needed scores to students?
A: A suggested response in this case: I was not given access to the MAP Test Scores for the individual students in my classroom.

Q. What is the process for the scoring verification service (a student arguing the score)? What is the turnaround for this process?
A. Students that wish to challenge their score have the option to request a score review. This process has a scoring leader review the students' responses and the scores that were applied by the raters. Students should allow 60 days from the date they request the review to receive their results.

Q. What is the turnaround time for scoring?
A: Please see schedule at - http://www.mega.ets.org/test-takers/mopta/register/dates-deadlines/

Q: Is the scoring expectation still a "1" on each step for each task?
A: Yes. The candidate needs to score a "1" on each step within each task. The minimum passing score for the MoPTA will be "11."

Q: Will future scores be based on 1? Or are there plans to expand this score.
A: Candidates must earn at least a 1 on each step of the MoPTA during the first year of implementation (2015-2016). There are 11 steps. ETS will conduct a standard setting event in June 2016. The standard setting panel will review the candidates' scores and recommend a Missouri Qualifying Score. The recommendation will be shared with the Missouri Advisory Council for the Certification of Educators (MACCE) and the Missouri Advisory Board for Educator Preparation (MABEP). The recommendations from those two groups will be used by the Department to establish the Missouri Qualifying Score that will be implemented in fall 2016.

Q: What will the Student Score Report look like?
A: The score report will contain scores for each step within the task, an overall task score, and a summed total score. Candidates will also receive structured feedback for each step within each task. A Library of Examples will be available to both candidates and faculty.

Q: According to MoPTA, in Task 2, is the term "scoring guide" equivalent to the term "key"?
A: For MoPTA purposes, there is not one of those used as the assessment in all constructed responses. So the scoring guide and the key are two entirely different things. The scoring guide would be made up of the rubric, checklist and other materials to support the rater in the scoring process.

Q: Can a student argue the accuracy of the scoring?
A: Students will have the ability to request a score verification service. This service will confirm that the student's responses, artifacts, and video (if applicable) were complete and that the scores were applied accurately.

Q; Will there be a fee for the Score Verification Service?
A: Yes. The fee for the Score Verification Process is $100. The fee covers the cost of processing the request and securing the raters for scoring.

Q: Are you recommending that students send score to districts where they will be applying for a position; can they choose at a later date to whom the student wants scores sent?
A: Candidates' scores are sent to the candidate, the educator preparation program, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Candidates are welcome to share their Score Reports as they wish.

Q: Students have varying placement dates without much flexibility for registration as ETS has established specific deadlines. Can ETS adopt a similar rolling score window as Pearson has incorporated?
A: The Department and ETS will discuss and establish submission dates annually. Multiple factors will be considered in developing the submission schedule.

Submission:

Q: The submission deadlines have been posted; however, when is the soonest the students' can start to submit?
A: The candidates can submit as soon as they have completed the task. This will enable them to move to the next task requirement. ETS encourages students to complete as soon as possible and not wait until the closing deadline for submitting.

Q: Do they have to submit all on the exact date? Candidates pay the MoPTA fee when they register; what happens to that fee if a student misses a deadline for one of the tasks?
A: Tasks do not need to be submitted on the same day. The students must not submit until they have completed all of the responses, attached their required artifacts, and uploaded the video for MoPTA-V. **If a student misses the submission of Task 1, they will forfeit their fees and need to register for a future window.** For un-submitted Tasks 2, 3, or 4, the student will have the opportunity to register for the resubmission period and

submit them at that time. Candidates who may not meet this deadline should communicate with their supervisors who will in turn notify the Department and ETS.

Q. What kind of feedback will students get after they submit? Will there be comments or just scores?
A. The score report includes feedback for each step score within a task. This feedback includes:

- *Guides you to improve the quality of your evidence in your step responses*
- *Addresses the possible qualitative and quantitative level of the evidence provided in your step responses*
- *Is connected to the language of the task rubrics and the language of the guiding prompts*
- *Is helpful to you if you are deciding whether or not to resubmit a task*
- *Provides perspective so that you can see the difference between the lower and higher levels of the score range*

Q: Can candidates combine submissions of artifacts, instead of having the 14 artifacts, may it be in folders with only 6?
A: No, they need to follow the artifact submission directions provided. Everything needs to be submitted as stated by ETS.

Q: Will ETS provide technical support for students if they are having problems uploading files?
A: ETS will provide both customer service and technical support five days a week, Monday - Friday from 8 am to 6:45 pm Central Time.

Q: Is there support available for candidates later in the evening? Our candidates are in schools all day so they will only have support during the few hours after school before 6:45 pm.
A: Candidates are always welcome to submit emails after the service center has closed to mega@ets.org.

Q: Is there a list of appropriate file formats that can be used in the MoPTA?
A: *The list of appropriate file formats can be found at* <u>*www.mega.ets.org*</u> *.*

Q. What will happen if a student submits artifacts that cannot be viewed? Will the student need to wait to be notified of this problem? Will part of the task be scored?
A. Students are required to check all of their responses, artifacts, and video to ensure they have uploaded the materials correctly. If there is a technical problem with any of the submitted tasks, raters are trained to score what they can and tag it for technical issue. The candidate will be notified of the problem so that the issue can be resolved in a timely manner.

Q: How does the ETS system handle files that cannot be opened but they are part of the submission?
A: Candidates should check all their responses, artifacts, and video prior to submitting to ensure they open properly within the submission system. A student will not get credit during scoring for files that are not able to be opened/viewed by the rater.

Q: When should candidates start the submission process? Should we do this ahead of time or can we begin on the evening it is due?
A: You need to be certain that you have hit "submit" by the Central Time indicated on the schedule. If not, the system will lock you out and you will not be able to complete your tasks.

Resubmission:

Q: What feedback will the candidates receive if they fail one or more of the tasks?
A: Candidates can only pass/not pass at the overall level. They can use the score report to determine their strengths and weaknesses to determine which tasks they need to resubmit to obtain a passing score.

Q: How can they resubmit within the window if they don't receive a score in time?
A: The resubmission period is setup to occur after final scoring and reporting has occurred. Only students that don't meet the passing requirement are eligible to resubmit their task(s). When resubmitting, a student is required to respond to all of the prompts that are required within the task(s). If a student's scores are held and not reported on time, they will be afforded the opportunity to resubmit if they do not pass upon their score being reported.

Q: Previously we were told $85 resubmission per task. So, flat fee of $85 is charged to resubmit Task 2, Task 3, and/or Task 4?
A: Yes. It is a flat fee.

Q: Is there a cost to re-submit all or part of a task?
A: Yes. The Resubmission Fee is $85 to submit one or more tasks.

Q: What if the candidate misses the submission date?
A: If a candidate misses the submission of Task 1, they will forfeit their fees and need to register for a future window. For un-submitted Tasks 2, 3, or 4, the student will have the opportunity to register for the resubmission period and submit them at that time. Candidates who may not meet this deadline should communicate with their supervisors who will in turn notify the Department and ETS.

Q: Who can submit for the resubmission?
A: Providing the student has submitted Task 1 and either Task 2 or 3, the student can submit their remaining tasks during the resubmission period.

Q; Will there be an additional fee for resubmitting Tasks #2, #3, and/or #4?
A: *Yes, there is an additional fee for resubmitting.*

Q: Why is there an additional fee for resubmitting each task?
A: *The fee covers the costs associated with scoring the resubmitted tasks and re-reporting the results*.

Q: What will be the timelines for resubmitting the four tasks?
A: *Candidates that do not reach the qualifying score will have a specified amount of time after final reporting to register for resubmission and submit their work. Candidates should note the specific dates for resubmission.*

Q: If a candidate is asked to resubmit a task(s), will the resubmission be scored by the same rater(s)?
A: *No, new rater(s) will score the candidate's resubmitted tasks.*

Q: If not, will the new raters see the scores from the previous rater?
A: *Raters do not have access to scores applied by other raters.*

Q: If a task is resubmitted, does the student have to start over on the task or can they edit and improve what they previously submitted?
A: *It is recommended that candidates resubmitting a task evaluate their work and decide if it is necessary to start the task over or improve their work by editing what was originally submitted.*

Q: If a candidate resubmits a task, can any of the previously given scores be guaranteed? Could the student receive lower scores?
A: *No. For the MoPTA, the student will receive the higher of the original or the resubmitted score on their final score report.*

Q: What if a candidate misses the resubmission date at the end of score reporting, do they wait until the next resubmission date or can they submit during the submission time for the next group?
A: *A candidate will only have the opportunity to resubmit during the resubmission window immediately following score reporting. If they don't submit during that timeframe, they will need to register for the next MoPTA window and start over.*